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1. On 11 May 1953, the Trost Kaserne, Albrechts Kaserne and Wilhelms Kaserne in Vienna, the former Bundeserziehungsanstalt in Traiskirchen (O 49/X 37), the Pionier Kaserne in Klosterneuburg (O 49/S 30), and the barracks installation including the AAA section in Kagran (P 49/X 49) were vacant except for guards. 1
2. On 6 May, trucks at the Birago Kaserne in Melk (O 49/W 68) were loaded with billeting equipment and 80 x 30 x 50 centimeter ammunition boxes. The vehicles drove to the railroad station, where a unit also from the Birago Kaserne was detrained. The troop train included 5 boxcars with officers and EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, motor transport and signal insignia, 3 boxcars with ammunition, and 25 flatcars carrying 12 x 122-mm field howitzers, 18 trucks, 2 jeeps and 2 field kitchens. The troop train was headed toward St. Poelten (O 49/W 88) and, according to a railroad official, bound for Goeppfritz

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3. On 8 May, 3 sedans and 2 jeeps, [REDACTED] driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, were observed at the main gate of the former Kreisgericht on Schiesstattring in St. Poelten. Truck [REDACTED] was seen at the garages west of the former Kreisgericht; and truck [REDACTED] at the officers' club in the former Stadtsaele. No vehicle traffic was observed at the barrier at the Franz Josef Kaserne guarded by a sentry with black-bordered black epaulets. Six soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets were seen at the Eugen Kaserne. Four motor vehicles were parked at the Rainer Kaserne; and the long-wire antenna, but without a radio truck, was observed at the Franz Josef Kaserne. The little vehicular traffic and little activities at the installations indicated that at least some of the troops had left for field training. 3

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4. On 8 May, 6 trucks and 4 jeeps were observed at Camp Spratzern south of St. Poelten guarded by sentries with red-bordered black epaulets. The air-target installation was seen at the western perimeter of the camp. As no weapons or training activities were observed, source believed that at least some of the troops had left the installation. Vehicles seen at Camp Spratzern

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1. Comment. The information indicates that most of the 13th Gds Mec. Div moved to a troop training grounds, probably to Doellersheim.

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2. Comment. The information confirms that the 233rd Gds Gun Arty Regt of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div stationed in Melk includes a battalion of 122-mm howitzers. Goepfritz as receiving station indicates that the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div uses the Doellersheim troop training grounds as summer camp for its compo-

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3. Comment. The observations indicate that probably most of the 95th Gds Mtz Div moved from St. Poelten and Camp Spratzern to a summer camp, probably the Doellersheim troop training grounds. The vehicle seen at St. Poelten and Camp Spratzern belong to the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div.

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